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SUBJECT: ISRAELI-ETHIOPIAN RELATIONS

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- 1. EAST AFRICAN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR RUPIN OF FOREIGN MINISTRY TOLD EMBOFF SEPTEMBER 12 ISRAELIS BELIEVED THEIR GOOD RELATIONS WITH IEG HAVE SURVIVED NON-ALIGNED CONFERNCE IN FAIRLY GOOD SHAPE. HOWEVER, THERE WOULD BE OAU FONMIN MEETING IN ADDIS THIS COMING FEBRUARY, AT WHICH ETHIOPIA WOULD BE UNDER PRESSURE BECAUSE OF NEW SOMALI FKFORT TO GAIN SUPPORT ALAINST IEG, AND THIS MIGHT BE EXPLOITED BY ARABS.
- 2. RUPIN SAID ISRAELIS CONSIDERED THAT ETHIOPIAN ALARM OVER SOMALI THREAT HAD BEEN MOUNTING RECENTLY, WAS GENUINE, AND WAS REACHING SERIOUS PROPORTIONS THERE WAS NO QUESTION BUT THAT ISRAEL WOULD HAVE TO INCREASE ITS ARMS ASSISTANCE TO ETHIOPIA. THIS MATTER WAS UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION IN JERUSALEM, AND DECISIONS WOULD BE REACHED SOON. CONFIDENTIAL

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| 3. ASKING THAT INFORMATION BE FULLY PROTECTED, RUPIN SAID |
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| ISRAELIS HAD JUST LEARNED THAT HAILE SELASSIE WOULD VISIT |
| MOSCOW OCTOBER 29-31, ACCOMPANIED BY FONMIN. RUPIN |
| APPEARED TO FIND THIS DEVELOPMENT DISQUIETING. |
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